

## CLAIMS

1. A wireless communication device comprising:
  - a keypad having buttons, wherein the buttons have alphabetical characters mapped to corresponding numeric characters;
  - a memory configured to store a string of alphanumeric characters representing a telephone number; and
  - an alphanumeric converter, coupled with the memory, configured to receive the string of alphanumeric characters and to translate the string of alphanumeric characters into corresponding numeric characters.
2. A wireless communication device comprising:
  - means for mapping alphabetical characters to corresponding numeric characters;
  - means for storing a string of alphanumeric characters representing a telephone number; and
  - means for receiving the string of alphanumeric characters and translating the string of alphanumeric characters into corresponding numeric characters.
3. A method comprising:
  - mapping alphabetical characters to corresponding numeric characters;
  - storing a string of alphanumeric characters representing a telephone number; and
  - receiving the string of alphanumeric characters and translating the string of alphanumeric characters into corresponding numeric characters.